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CENTRAL ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau;

(b) when was this Bureau established;

(c) the staffing pattern of the Bureau;

(d) the budget given to this Bureau for the year 2001-2002;

(e) whether there is an appraisal of the work of this Bureau; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): The role of the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau is as under:

(i) Collecting intelligence and information regarding aspects of black economy,
(ii) keeping a watch on different aspects of economic offences, emergence of new types of such offences and to evolve counter measures to combat the same,
(iii) acting as a coordinating catalytic agency in the Department of Revenue,
(iv) undertaking studies on economic offences and tax evasion,
(v) preparing monthly bulletin on trends in economic offences including modus-operandi,
(vi) implementing COFEPOSA Act against smugglers and foreign exchange racketeers,
(vii) facilitating exchange of information amongst various agencies,
(viii) acting as a secretariat of Economic Intelligence Council to facilitate coordination amongst other enforcement agencies dealing with economic offences,

(ix) monitoring the functioning of 18 regional Economic Intelligence Committees set up under the aegis of Economic Intelligence Council,

(x) organizing training courses for the officers engaged in intelligence/investigative activities.

(b): July, 1985

(c): The Bureau has a sanctioned strength of 133 posts. It is headed by Special Secretary & Director General and supported by 3 Deputy Directors General & Joint Secretary, 5 Assistant Directors General, 8 Senior Technical Officers and 28 Intelligence Officers. The statistical wing of the Bureau is manned by one Senior Statistician Grade-I, one Senior Statistician Grade II and two Investigators.

(d): The budget allocation for the year 2001-2002 for the Bureau was Rs.2.26 crore.

(e) & (f): Government has reviewed the working of CEIB and decided to take appropriate steps for broadening the scope of its activities and strengthening its organisational set-up accordingly.